

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 113
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Shaffin John Crawford of
Columbia.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Shaffin John Crawford, a courageous young man who fought an heroic battle with AIDS; and

WHEREAS, born in Elgin, Illinois, Shaffin Crawford was a fighter who struggled against the AIDS virus since his birth; and

WHEREAS, a student at E.A. Cox Middle School, Shaffin Crawford was revered by his fellow classmates and teachers for his bravery and optimism; and

WHEREAS, Shaffin Crawford was an active and devout member of the St. Peter's Episcopal Church and its youth group, where he was an inspiration to youth and adults alike; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his remarkable courage and upbeat attitude, Shaffin Crawford was made an honorary patrolman by the Columbia Police Department in a special ceremony not long before his unfortunate and premature departure from this earth; and

WHEREAS, beloved and admired by him, Shaffin Crawford's family was always of the utmost importance to him; and

WHEREAS, Shaffin Crawford was the devoted son of Richard Sr. and Barbara Hoffmann Crawford; he will be dearly missed by his siblings, Harold Crawford and his wife, Mary; Richard Crawford, Jr.; Robert Crawford; Steven Crawford; Kimberly Harvel and her husband, Randy; Angela Thomas and her husband, Jeffrey; Valerie Knight and her husband, Dan; Victoria Crawford; Erica Crawford; and Leticia Crawford; and

WHEREAS, Shaffin Crawford is also survived by his maternal grandparents, Raymond and Anne Krolak; paternal grandmother, Betty Crawford; godmother, Debbie Quigley; godfather, Tom Lejesik; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Shaffin Crawford will forevermore be remembered as the spirited and dedicated ideal of a hero that he was; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that this General Assembly pay tribute to this young man and the legacy he leaves behind; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Shaffin John Crawford, reflecting fondly upon his courage and conviction in living with the AIDS virus; we stand in his debt for the inspirational legacy of heroism that he leaves behind.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Shaffin Crawford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.